

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected the claims citing United States Patent Nos. 3,523,441 (Bell et al.), 3,714,810 (Boyd) and 3,457,763 (Freeman). Independent claim 1 has been amended to specifically claim that the piston rod is threadably engaged with at least one of the pistons such that an air passage is provided at the engagement whereby air can pass between the piston rod and the piston, and that the piston rod provides at least one orifice for allowing passage of air between the piston rod and the cavities. Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art of record does not disclose or suggest what is now claimed in claim 1 of the present application. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is allowable over the prior art of record and respectfully requests that claim 1 be allowed, as well as those claims which depend therefrom.

The present application has been amended in response to the Examiner's Office Action to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant, by the amendments presented above, has made a concerted effort to present claims which clearly define over the prior art of record, and thus to place this case in condition for allowance. Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are allowable over the prior art of record, and respectfully requests that the application be passed to issuance.

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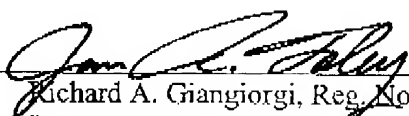
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Should the present claims not be deemed adequate to effectively define the patentable subject matter, the Examiner is respectfully urged to call the undersigned attorney of record to discuss the claims in an effort to reach an agreement toward allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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